

GOVERNMENT OF TALANGANA

ABSTRACT

Forest Conservation Act, 1980 – Diversion of **9.2219** Ha of Forest land in Lankapalli RF of Sathupalli division for establishment of Sathupalli Railway Station (Part) and laying of railway Line (SCCL private siding) to JVR OC-II CSP between Bhadrachalam Road to Sathupally in Khammam District in favour of M/s.SCCL– **Final (Stage-II)** approval accorded – Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 20

Dated: 16-06-2021.
Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF, TS, Hyd., Lr.No.12704/2019/FCA-3/PS, dt.25.04.2020.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.1004/For.I(1)/2020, Dt:21.05.2020.
3. From Dy. CF (Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSC167/2020-CHN/666, Dt.26.08.2020.
4. From the PCCF, TS, Hyd., Ref.No.12704/2019/FCA-4,Dt.08.02.2021.
5. Govt. Letter. No.1004/For.I(1)/2020, Dated:20.03.2021)
6. From the Regional Officer, GoI, MoEF&CC, Hyderabad, F.No.4-TSC167/2020-CHN/080, Dt.19.04.2021)

O R D E R

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal for diversion of **9.2219** Ha of forest land in Lankapalli RF of Sathupalli division for Establishment of Sathupalli Railway Station (Part) and laying of railway Line (SCCL private siding) to JVR OC-II CSP between Bhadrachalam Road to Sathupally in Khammam District in favour of M/s.SCCL.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal in para-1 above was forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai, for granting approval under section -2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980.

3. In the 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai, have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the above proposal, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

4. In the letter 5th read above, the Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in her letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad for according necessary approval.

5. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final (Stage-II) approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of **9.2219** Ha of forest land in Lankapalli RF of Sathupalli division for Establishment of Sathupalli Railway Station (Part) and laying of railway Line (SCCL private siding) to JVR OC-II CSP between Bhadrachalam Road to Sathupally in Khammam District in favour of M/s.SCCL, subject to the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.

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- ii. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on the ground from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
- iii. Compensatory afforestation and its maintenance shall be taken up by the Forest Department over **20.00 ha** of degraded forest area in Compt.no.156 of Lankapally RF and Jaganadhapuram Beat, Rudrakshapally Section, Sathupally Range of Sathupally Division from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- iv. The CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior permission of the Central Government;
- v. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
- vi. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- vii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
- viii. An amount of Rs.50,36,000/- claimed to be deposited with PD account of FDO, Sathupally shall be utilized for the activities proposed by the FDO, Sathupally and all such works carried out by the FDO shall be certified by the PCCF, Telangana and report the same to IRO, Hyderabad. In the instant case, other than cost towards tree extraction and demarcation, rest of the amount shall be transferred from PD account to ad-hoc CAMPA account immediately and confirmation on the same shall be reported to this office within two months from the date of issue of the order;
- ix. The State Government may direct all the FDOs/DFOs concerned not to realize any additional amount other than the amount in compliance to conditions stipulated by the GoI and all such amount shall be deposited strictly in the ad-hoc CAMPA account only and not in the FDOs FD accounts etc.
- x. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- xi. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers and staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora and fauna;
- xii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xiii. Pre-fabricated structures should be used to the maximum possible extent to reduce the extent of disturbance in the habitat.
- xiv. The debris/earth excavated during the track laying work should be disposed off or reused suitably so that the natural drainage of the area is not blocked materials to be used for constructions should be brought form outside the forest area;

- xv. The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible instead of felling, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- xvi. Work shall be taken up only during day time.
- xvii. The User Agency shall construct bridges as proposed in the proposal. An amount claimed to be deposited by the SCCL to the R&B for road over bridge shall not be utilized for any other purpose;
- xviii. Appropriate soil conservation measures shall be taken to reduce silt load in the run-off to avoid negative impact on the water bodies;
- xix. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt., of India.
- xx. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **9.2219 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- xxi. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all acts, rules, regulations and guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects;
- xxii. Any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG(Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
- xxiii. In the event of failure in comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the provision under FCA, 1980 and guidelines made thereunder.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

A.SANTHI KUMARI,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

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PS to Hon'ble M (F&E).

PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., EFS&T Department.

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